their applications as enrichment materials in consultation with a panel of mathematicians constituted for the purpose by tbe Pratishthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): The Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan has constituted an Expert Committee for detailed examination. This Committee will meet on 2 January, 1990.

Encouragement to the agencies inclined to conduct training in Vedic Mathematics

101. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA- Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2876 given in the
Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether in February, 1989 the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan had recommended that agencies inclined to conduce training programmes in Vedic Mathematics should be encouraged and supported;

(b) if so, the names of the agencies and training programmes in vedic mathematics, so encouraged and supported; and

(c) the guidelines and action scheme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AMD TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While no agency *as* yet approached for support of Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, the Pratishthan has undertaken the training programmes in Vedic Mathematics. As a part of this programme, a training camp in Vedic Mathematics was held in June, 1989 at Tirupati where about 150 teachers from the southern region participated.

Voluntary organisation for the promotion of various cultural activities & programmes

102. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ PAYEE; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Voluntary organisations funded by Government for promotion of various cultural activities and programmes, alongwith the names of projects and programmes and the amount of funds released in each case during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise; and

(b) what specific results have been achieved through these projects and programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE lN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON); (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Area approach to eradicate illiteracy

103. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ PAYEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States which have adopted the Area Ap proach to eradicate illiteracy in the given areas before taking up other areas successively;

(b) what are the names of the specific selected areas and plan of action for complete eradication of illiteracy, State-wise; and

(c) the targets fixed for the areas and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE lN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON); (a) to (c) According to